पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्म दत्त) : (क) इस अधिकारी के विरुद्ध अपने पद का दुरुपयोग करने के संबंध में न तो सरकार को और न ही हिन्दुस्तान पैट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड के प्रबंधकों को कोई शिकायत प्राप्त हुई है ।

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Mixing of Gandhar Gas with South Basin Gas

2476. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI RAMS1NH RATHWA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state : „

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to mix Gandhar Gas with South Basin gas and transport the same through HBJ Pipeline for processing the same outside Gujarat ;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Gandhar gas is very rich in C2/C3 content and processing cost for the recovery of C2/C3 on the above gas mix will be more as compared with the processing of Gandhar gas alone ;

(d) whether it is a faot that some quantity of ethylene and propylene will be wasted if Gandhar and HBJ gases are mixed;

(e) whether it is a fact that extent of such wastage would be anything between Rs. 24 crores to Rs. 63 crores per annum; and

(f) if so, whether Government would reconsider its decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRJ BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (f) At present no gas from Gandhar is being fed into the HBJ pipeline. The mode of utilisation of Gandhar gas in future would depend upon the various techno-economic parameters involved and, it would be utilised along with gas ficm other sources in such a manner as to optimise the use of gas.

Availability of Natural Gas in Gujarat

2477. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

' (a) what is the present availability of natural gas in the offshore of the Gujarat coast ; and

(b) what quantity of this gas is being supplied or committed to Gujarat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) and (b) There are a number of gas fields in Western Offshore regions. Of these the closest to the Gujarat Coast are the Tapti fie'ds. These fields have so far not been developed.

Natural gas from Gandhar fields

2478. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI CHAIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has submitted a memorandum to the Central Government on use of gas from Gandhar fields, if so, what are the details thereof}